

THE NEON SUNSET



MO' PUNKS, MO' PROBLEMS

Punk critical mass reached, time for **mayhem!**

The Weather!

There's no budget! So, Weathergirl will be bringing this month's weather, too!

Tech!

Bored about the Augmented Optic always telling you the newest tech advancements? Worry not, ORCMAN is here to fetch you a second bite-sized opinion!

Fashion!

We are still short a Roxx, but Reggie will make do! Dress to kill!

Games!

The Neon Crossword is back for seconds! The entertainment section isn't JUST body Lotto!



The Augmented Optic

Techs for hire! And not for cheap!

Due to financial strife, several techies have found themselves in need of eddies!

I remember about a month ago, after getting the shit kicked into me on a job, I went to a tech to have my subdermals upgraded.

And, choom, when I entered that chopshop, I saw a ghoul with the shape of a man, holding a wrench to a Hurricane, I saw his Kiroshis go dark after each turn of the tool, and I can swear it's because the gonk was micro-napping after said turns.

He looked at me and said "Sorry, I'm fully booked".

Then went back to work and micronapping, techies these days are incredibly overworked, I thought. And shit, turns out I was right, but not only by mercs, they were also being overworked by corps and gangs.

Because with the chaos that has been unleashed this past month, a resurgence of freelance techies has hit the streets, now, these aren't your certified chrome-mancers that you visit each month to give your Mr. Studd two extra inches, and that Beta Frame a good cut on your buttcheeks, these are used to boring, everyday tasks, things that don't really activate their brainwaves too much.

But, thank God, part of those boring ass tasks include upgrading subdermals, so, without much hesitation, I dumped Ghoul McTech and went visit one of these gonks.

What can I say? Stellar job, but really fucking expensive, I guess when you are no longer on ZTech's roll you gotta compensate somehow...

An NPC Tech can be hired to Upgrade an item as per the Tech options laid out on P. 148 in the Core Rule Book.

The Price for the upgrade is the Material cost of the target item + having to bring your own materials on top. You effectively pay double.

These services are limited to up to Very Expensive items.

NPC Technicians can be hired to repair an item that is broken, but not beyond repair. Repairing the item costs 70% of the original items base cost.



The Augmented Optic

The City's Game

Read through the end for a heartfelt message

I was talking with a choom of mine earlier today

"Point five up on my Meatwagon inversions, might actually make a month of kibble if this keeps up."

I was generally tuning out of his chat, usual econohead babble I don't care about, for all I know, I need a Translation Chip to understand a lick of what he says.

Then, as we were standing there, I hear

"BANG!"

Followed by many more "Bangs!", I knew Kabuki was dangerous, but we had a bunch of Maelstromers killing each other. According to street talk, a section had overstepped their boundaries and, well, you know Maelstrom, go a foot to far and you are losing a whole leg.

Then, after they were done shooting each other, we saw one of them crawling towards us, fucker was still alive. I readied my Lexington to put the gonk out of his misery, and then my choom slaps my arm away.

"Look up shit for brains, a scout Meatwagon AU. They will see him soon."

Lo and behold, they did, and after the bloodied stromer took money out of whatever savings account these people have, they brought him to the AU and carried his leaking brain outta there.

I was surprised at the mercy he had shown, I don't care for scum like them.

"That's a whole percent this month, for sure."

I've always considered myself a free man.

Never played into the corporate game, never considered it. Never even thought of swearing allegiances to any one gang.

But I've always lived here.

I always had to scrap through to eat, any jobs that came my way? Of course I would take them. Choom of mine had the same mindset, he was smarter, yes, but his heart was in the right place.

"Whole percent"

Those words reverberated in my head. I can walk to the block's bodega and get myself whatever I want.

I can put iron to somebody's head and blow their brains because I'm fucking bored.

I can do many things.

But none of us are free. And I mean truly free.

I like merc work? Shit, I love it. But if lil' me could've had a choice, I don't know whether grabbing a gun would be a runner-up.

Where am I going with this?

I've never been free of the City's game. I've always lived here, and I've always had to do unsavory things to get month's rent on time.

My point is:

This city fucking sucks.



NIGHT CITY WEATHER FORECAST

August of 2070

By... WEATHERGIRL (again? Do we not have anyone else

Hello again- I mean Good Morning Night City! It's- Yeah it's me again, Weathergirl.

They said I should keep doing it so... I'm here! Again! Let's um, Let's get along alright?

So! The weather for August! This month's looking pretty dang cloudy if you'll excuse my French.

Oh! And it's not just the city smog! 70's across the first half of the week with a big dip into the 60s during a project inversion smog on the 9th of this month following high windspeeds.

The temperature steadily gets hotter going into the back half of the month, getting into the 90's as the clouds protect

us from some devastating heat!

We'll get a taste on the 24th where the sky'll clear up and we're looking at 100 degrees here on the ground!

But by then the wild will calm down and the rest of the month is calm. And that's the Weather!

Much nicer than last month, at least, right? Um- think about maybe a smog mask this month, and lots of sunscreen. Maybe it'd be cool to have like, uh, a pool party?

I actually went to the beach a while ago, that was neat.

Oh! Right! See you next month for the weather! Since, I'm staying-

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The Augmented Optic

Skidrow shakes the market!

With a recent development, Skidrow managed to make an actually usable piece of gear

I love my Skidrow trenchcoat. Makes me feel like a badass. Like one of those noir detectives from those retro movies.

Issue?

It fucking sucks. I can barely move in it, I have to ditch it for field work, you know how hard it is to sneak somewhere with big ass plates weighing you down?

You don't have to know, I already do, way too fucking hard for the style points.

So, after Skidrow's own conference today, hearing their new technology "Light Flak" (Which looking at the designs, it's not "Light") be revealed, and already being used in their proprietary trench coat, I am filled with an extreme amount of happiness.

Gone are the days of my fellow PIs having to wait for me to catch up because I made this stylistic choice five years ago and now, I have to stick by it.

So, rejoice my fellow Blackhand enjoyers out there.

We are eating good.

Oh also look out for anyone with a trench coat since that shit is no longer a style choice it might actually be a psychopath willing to shoot people.

Except me.

Please don't shoot me.

Item: Light Flak Armour

Cost: 500eb (Expensive)

Description: Light Flak is Flak with an SP of 14 and an Armor Penalty of -3 to REF, DEX, and MOVE.

The SkidRow Trench is now a Light Flak Body Armour. Once ablated, its SP cannot be restored. At 0 SP, it falls off the wearer.



ORCMAN'S CORNER OF TEKNO STUFFZ

CUZ YOUZ DESERVE A SEKOND OPINION

ALSO TO HAVE A WHOLE MONTH OF PATCH NOTES IN 1 PAGE

HELLO! I'M ORCMAN AND I WAS TOLD TO SAY ALL DA NEW STUFF DATS BEEN MADE OVER A WITTLE BIT.

SO FIRST WAS SOME ARMOR. ITS DA LIGHTFLAK ARMOR. ITS EXPENSIVE, STOPS A BIT MORE THAN DA SUPER HEAVY SKIN AND IT MAKES YOU A BIT SLOWER

DEN DERE'S DA "AHAES". ITS LIKE, LUX. YOU CAN PUT IT ON A CAR OR SOMETHIN' N' FOR A SAFE ZONE IF SOME EVIL PERSON SHOOTS AN R.P.G. AT YA'S. YOU NEED A HEAVY BASE N' YOU CAN RELOAD IT! EXPLOSIONS ARE AWESOME!

SOME PEOPLE NAMED "NPC" CAN DO SOME TECHIE WORK STUFF. UPGRADES ARE DA SAME AS IF YOU BUY IT N' THEN THE MATERIAL COST. THEN THEY CAN FIX BROKEN STUFF TOO.

THERE'S A NEW MONOBAYO THINGIE THAT CAN CUT SUPER GOOD!

SKATEBOARDS HOVER NOW! ITS DA FUTURE!

AND LAST THING IS DAT GUNS CAN BE QUIET NOW. IF YOU GOT GOOD EARS DEN, YOU CAN LISTEN MORE GOODER AND STILL HEAR 'EM LIKE A HUNDRED METERS AWAY.

SO YEAH, DATS LIKE, ALL DA STUFF I CAN GET MESELF TO THINK OF. BYE BYE!

GWaM decided to do a summary of all the patch notes for this month, so, say "Thanks GWaM".

New Items

Light Flak: 500eb, SP14, -3 to REF+DEX+MOVE

AHAES: 5k eb, 6m radius that deflects 1 shot explosive, can be reloaded with a 100eb charge

Echo Company Monobayonet: 500eb invention, 2d6 Medium Melee Weapon with biometric key that allows ignoring armor below SP7, compatible with all shoulder arm skill weapons.

New System

NPC Tech Services:

Upgrades Cost = Item Cost + Material Cost.

A 500eb item upgraded would cost 500eb in material and 500eb as the cost of the item for 1k eb total.

Repairing items cannot repair items broken beyond repair and cost 70% of the original item to repair. A 100eb would cost 70eb to repair.

Silencers: 100 ebs, they are unbanned but are not fully silent. They do not benefit if the weapon is rebuilt. Bows, Crossbows, Dartguns, and Pneumatic Bolt Guns are all considered suppressed by default.

New Upgrades

Hoverframe: 150eb, Skateboard upgrade, allows to skate over the surface of water, to gain the benefit of skating uphill, and a +2 to Athletics Skill Checks to perform tricks.



Reggie's Fashion Corner

August of 2070

By Reggie Rock'n'roll

So, the big wigs at N54 can get a replacement real fucking quick for Blue Sky, but I still have to deal with Roxx's corner? Man this sucks.

Anyhow, have you heard about the hippie movement in NC? Some call them the OG Punks, and some beat the people that say that with lead pipes, I am partial to shooting them with my Perseus, but to each their own.

But yeah, no kidding, the hippies are back in NC, and the folks have started to catch up to their style of clothing, to be fair, they do look pretty fly, and it's something we haven't seen in a long while, so, y'know what? I say let's stop shooting them and let's just mug 'em, I don't want bloodstained colors, ruins the sentiment, **so get out there and start mugging folks for their Bohemian clothing!** Or purchase it like a chump, what do I know I am not your dad.

Second, I've heard the TC are making movements 'round town, what does that mean? Well it mainly means that you should keep the door locked and iron by your side, but it also means that suddenly everyone knows how Japanese people dress, especially NC's flavor of Japanese gangs. Not so partial to this style, since I prefer to keep my legs unbroken when a grieving mother comes close to me, but the people have spoken! Dust off the leather jackets, pick up that spiked collar, and **let those Gang Colors run through your fucking wardrobe punk!**

And well, that will be all from me, this has been Reggie Rock 'n Roll, reminding you that you should...

Dress to kill.

This Month's Fashion!

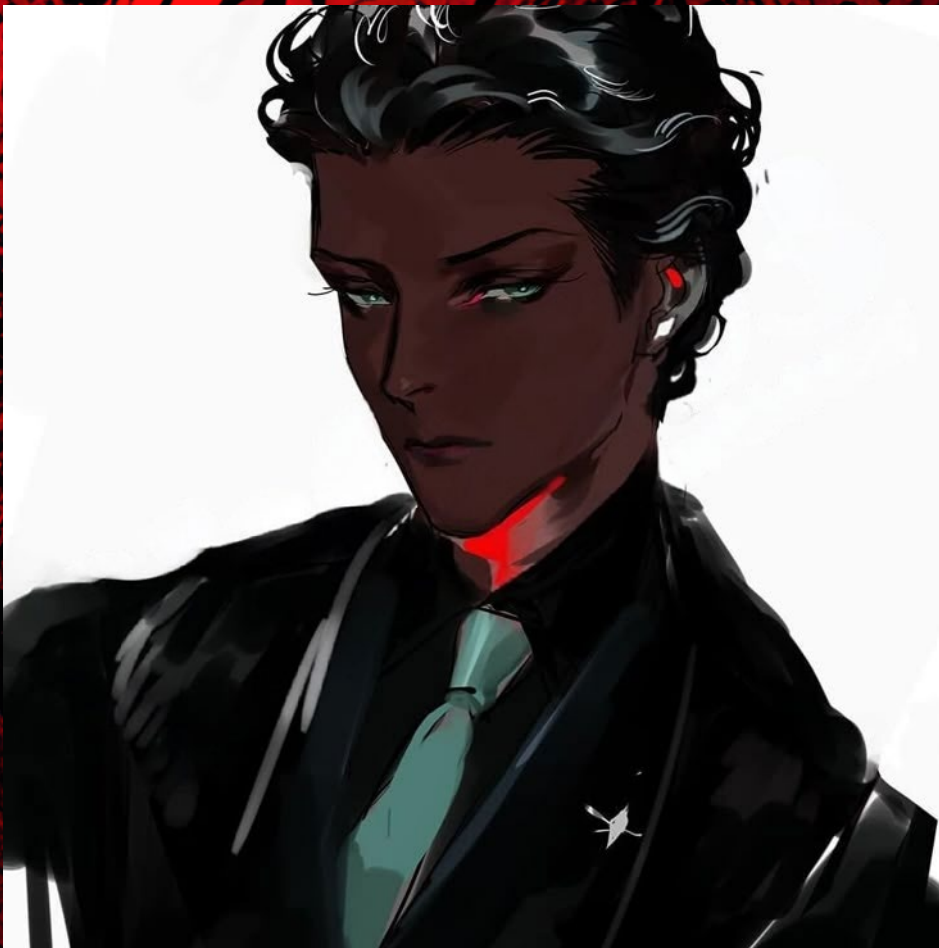
August's fashion of the month will be Gang Colours and Bohemian. If you're wearing at least one piece from either or both fashions, you gain a +2 to Wardrobe & Style!

If you have at least 3 pieces of High Fashion you're wearing, you're always in fashion no matter the monthly fashion.



THE BODY LOTTERY

"Skill issue"



Diego Vega
2047-2070

💀 **FIRST BLOOD** 💀

"I'll live as a man and die a martyr"

Diego Vega, met his end the way he lived, loyal to the last breath. A rising name in the Valentinos, Diego was an exec and a hustler. When Arasaka stole his brother in arms Zafiro, Diego chose not to wait for justice. He carved his own. Cornered by cyberpsychos, [Diego put a single shot from his Militech Perseus through the skull of the boss.](#) [He clutched a pipebomb to his chest, bit down and turned himself into a ball of righteous fire.](#)



THE BODY LOTTERY

“Que En Plata Descanse”



Dima “Nozh” Voronin
2043-2070

Nozh was up for anything that promised a high, a payday, or some good excitement. Merc work often checked all three boxes. About nine seconds short of contributing to the legends of edgerunners that fucked over Arasaka on their own turf, instead he remains a cautionary tale that it is not about how fast you run, but how sharp the edge is.



THE BODY LOTTERY

"Spin the wheel of death"



Serena "Moon" Tsukino

2043-2070

The job that claimed her was whispered to involve Arasaka black labs, rogue AIs, and data that never should have existed. No verified client. No confirmed payout. No survivors. Just Moon, a silent scream in the system logs, and a server room that kept burning for three days.

To the corps, she was a problem that wouldn't stay down. To the Mox, she was muscle and family. To her crew, she was an unbreakable shield, a relentless storm, and a walking contradiction—loud, loyal, and reckless as hell, but always the first to patch your leg or crack a joke mid-firefight.

Her body was cremated. Her ashes were scattered on the rooftop of the Afterlife—illegally, of course. Rest in power, Moon. The city's quieter without you. Dumber, too.



THE BODY LOTTERY

"Screams announce a jackpot"



Booker Davids

2040-2070

The only good cop, is a dead cop, and Booker proved that today as he hit the floor. He will be mourned by his sister, Maria Davids, and his nephew, Carlos, on a private night in the Patron Saint of Sinners, the most expensive tequila poured out in his honour. In Santo Domingo, a torrent of flares are shot skywards in commemoration by one callous individual. Rin Kuroji, Booker's direct superior, holds the NCPD funeral, and doesn't shed a single tear.

Booker's ghost would never let her live it down.

All in all, not many will miss a dead cop. But some will.

And that's okay. There'll be many more dead cops to come.



THE BODY LOTTERY

"Don't miss them, get their number right"



UNC

1985-2070

Unc died as he lived, fighting those with more money than he had, his final line to Rene before he killed him was;
"YOU WERE STRONG, JESSE JAMES, I'LL REMEMBER YOU FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE." –

Which, admittedly was not as long as one would believe.

His killers? Flambe and Sugar, they tore him apart like a pack of dogs, murdered his hobo brethren where they stood. But the streets will speak of Unc's legends until the end of time. A hobo with a heart of shit and a desire to topple the world for their half-eaten hot pockets.



THE BODY LOTTERY

"Blood soaked pockets"



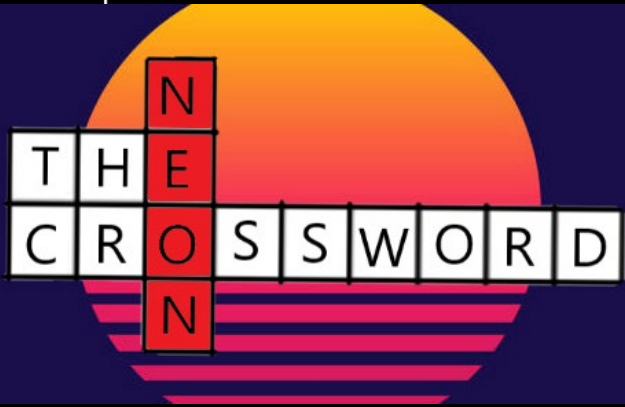
Rene Valentine

2023-2070

Bowing like a kicked dog at his knees. Like how he did before the hellbringer 24 years ago. but he wouldn't beg this time.

He stood back on his last leg and finally saw things move in real time, and for the few moments he had left to live he spent in the present... The pop-up shotgun came back online, "Not done yet". He didn't shoot for revenge or hate, in those final moments René 'Valentine' was that odd kid shooting finger guns at a western again.

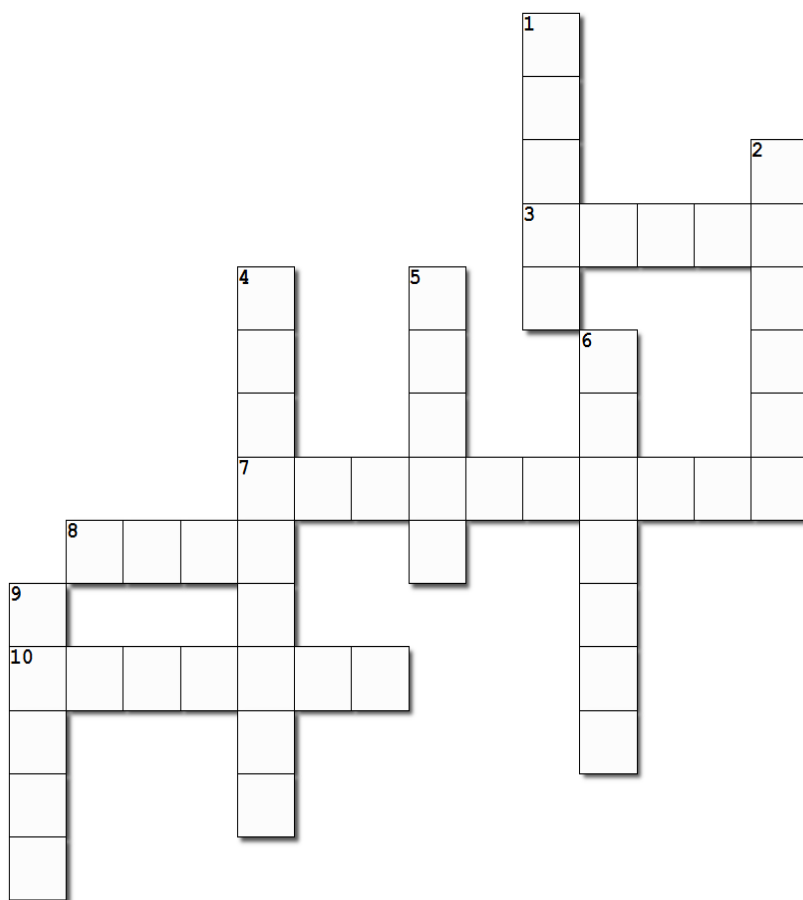
"I'm Jesse fuckin' James"



The Neon Crossword

Because to kill, both your mind and knife must be sharp.

July of 2070



Across

3. If the NCPD has a bounty on you, you may want to contact a _____

7. You don't want to dump brawling against this gang!

8. We are currently undergoing a _____ drought!

10. They are sold on a golden vendit, and are chased by all manners of people around Night City

Down

1. You shouldn't call your Medtech this...

2. Created by Bartmoss, they are the reason the NET had to be locked down.

4. Your solo is paranoid? Yeah they are on this drug.

5. Hate shields? Try a _____ Rebuild!

6. If your coworker gets shot and catches on fire, he was probably carrying this kind of 'grenade'.

9. Don't have money for a cab? Try this alternative!

Playing on your mind too hard? Worry not! **The Neon Sunset** deposits all their Crosswords in the Data Pool! Digitalization!

Feel free to solve the crossword in the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/256ykp3b>



> >BREAKING NEWS< < Assasination attempt on Lucius Rhyne!

Well well well Night City! We have quite the juicy story for you today!

At Exactly 3:15 PM this afternoon terrorist's from a now known faction called the Flames of Revolution! Had attempted to take the life of our beloved mayor Lucius Rhyne during his open ceremony discussing the unification treaty of the recent war effects of NUSA! Who are these people and why do they want to Kill our beloved mayor?

Whatever the reasons, The Elite team chosen to defend Lucius managed to fend off some of the most dangerous threats I've ever seen in this city! Live recordings show some form of personal defense Borg, stopping a Military grade ACPA in it's tracks! with his bare hands! It's unbelievable!

Lucius Rhyne has publicly stated he will be taking a break to recover from his injuries, leading his Cabnit to take charge while he is absent! Lets hope they make the right decisions while he is recovering! Word of mouth says one of them Used to be A Senator of Texas! and another has heavy ties with Foreign relations! Certainly a powerful resume!

In addition to the attempt on Lucius's Life, many powerful foes made themselves known, these individuals that are caught on camera are known terrorists! and the NCPD is offering a High bounty for every single one of them! Be warned and report to your local PD if you encounter any of these 4 Monsters! They are not to be engaged alone!





> >BREAKING NEWS< < Zetatech under attack!

Hello Night City! Jillean Gordan bringing you the newest, freshest and hottest of news Night City has to offer!

Tonight, we got reports that a storage facility belonging to none other than Zetatech themselves has been raided, with the suspects taking multiple choice pieces of experimental cyberware and one of their employees, too!

They're not too keen on letting anything else spill, but we do have some descriptions of the perpetrators! Unfortunately, all of them were masked but one, however he doesn't have a face, anyway.

One man was a gargantuan Full-body Conversion that moved at inhuman speeds, brutalizing multiple security personnel.

Another was a tall lady with black hair, wearing a suit, with an absurd expertise for pistols! ZT doesn't want me to say this, but she was pulling out the moves on them!

The third was a not-as-tall lady, also with black hair, and slightly less of an expertise for pistols! She seemed to be the ringleader for this whole op.

The last, a tall man in a full vigilante-esque getup, wielding a bundle of melee weapons, including a combat jaw! Intimate, am I right?

If you manage to ID of these ne'er-do-wells, be sure to call [XXX-XXX-XXXX] for a 10,000eb reward! Zetatech holds the right to withhold said reward at any moment, without requirement of disclosing the reason to the informant.

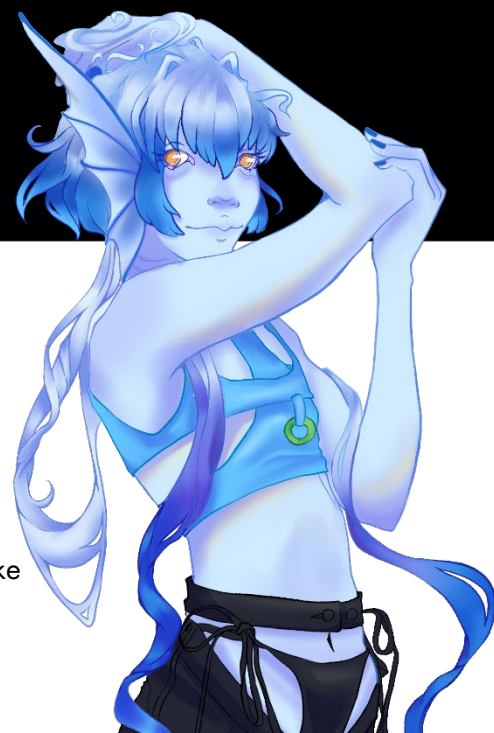
More at 10, with N55. Jillean Gordon out.



LIKE WHAT YOU SEE?

THE NEON SUNSET

WANNA HELP?



Dyve sending
brainwaves to make
you collaborate
-by g3lfings

Seems like my message finally got to ya, punk. I'll be cut and dry with you, we're fuckin' losing. And I'm not talking about no freedom war, corpo beef or any bullshit like that, I'm talkin' 'bout the war on information. Whenever you expose the truth, five new lies arise to kill people's neurons. Hell, I managed to bypass the Screamsheet editor today, and I think there's a Solo outside my door, and he ain't lookin' for bodyguard work.

This City needs you, it needs to hear your voice, whatever the fuck you wanna say, go ahead and fucking say it. I've left ya a file with some contacts for you to call, tell 'em your truth, and they'll do the rest.

As for me? Heh, we'll call this new blood replacing the old. Good luck, I know you are gonna go far.

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The Neon Sunset is a community effort, it is only possible through the combined forces of GMs and Players of Neon Red, to make our Living Community more, well, alive. Without your help, we won't have any news to report, and every month will start feeling the same after the Editors burn all their creativity juices.

Everything counts, long, short, bite-sized, the important part is that you are willing to help us.

Thus, if you are a Player, or GM, and feel there's something you want to put in the Sunset for everyone to see, contact the Editors!

Keep shouting, keep writing, keep fighting, punk.

But I hear you asking, random Discord user that found this PDF without any context...

What the fuck is Neon Red?

Neon Red is a Living Community for Cyberpunk RED, which, in January of 2025, underwent a Reset to adapt the Edgerunners Mission Kit to the server. We are currently in a golden age for new players, as the server is brimming with new characters to meet, new fixers to work under, and new threats to be discovered.

The best part?

Due to the nature of Living Communities, Neon Red does not ask much commitment from its players, games are made to be picked up, played, and then we might never see you again if you didn't like it. No scheduling issues, no bad blood, pick a game that fits your schedule and start playing immediately!

If you are willing to give our community a try, then hop on in, we are missing a vital piece, and that piece is you.

Join Here! → discord.gg/neonred